

Some Information which you might find helpful in relation to Thompson's proposed operations:

- Investigation works are still being carried out to establish the size of the reserves and amount of soils/clays to restore the site.
- Operational hours would be 08:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday, 08:00 to 13:00 Saturday.
- The conditions on the existing planning permission will be adhered to.

Restoration scheme

The current restoration scheme is based on a plan which was drawn up some 20 years ago. We believe that it may no longer be suitable for the site. In particular, it shows the in filling of the lake that is already there and potentially, we think this should be kept. However, we would be interested to receive your views as to how you would envisage the site being restored. There is the opportunity to retain the existing pond, perhaps make it larger, whilst restoring the surrounding land to create wildlife habitats as well as other agricultural land. Do you have any thoughts or other ideas? If so please email Katie or Ryan by the end of September 2015 to let them know.



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As you may have heard Thompson's of Prudhoe are in the process of buying Merryshields Quarry from SITA UK. You may have already seen excavators on the site and it is possible that you may see more in the coming weeks. At this stage this machinery is undertaking exploratory work and site preparation work.

The current planning permission will permit the removal of the remaining mineral reserve and the restoration of the site with inert soils. Thompson's of Prudhoe intend to take out the remaining mineral from the areas marked on the plan opposite and then restore the site with restoration materials like top soils and sub soils and clay material. It will **NOT** be infilled with household waste.

They are still carrying out survey work to establish the full extent of the remaining mineral reserve and the quantity of soils that are required to restore the site. I believe there have been rumours that they may be undertaking fracking on the site! These rumours are **NOT** true.

Thompson's of Prudhoe have discussed their proposed workings with your local Councillor, and Officers from Northumberland County Council. The purpose of this leaflet is to let you know what is happening and if you have any concerns you are more than welcome to contact the following people:

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The above plan shows the areas of the quarry that have already been worked and restored to agricultural land. The main mineral extraction area is to the north west of the site and is marked as the primary extraction area on the plan. Before any mineral is extracted from this area the top soils will be stripped off the land and stored in bunds around the edge of the site. The area to the east of the site marked as the inert land filling area will be restored using imported clays and soils. However, this area was previously worked in a sporadic and disorganised manner and we think there may be some mineral remaining in this area so when operations start we would also hope to take out and extract any remaining mineral before infilling starts.